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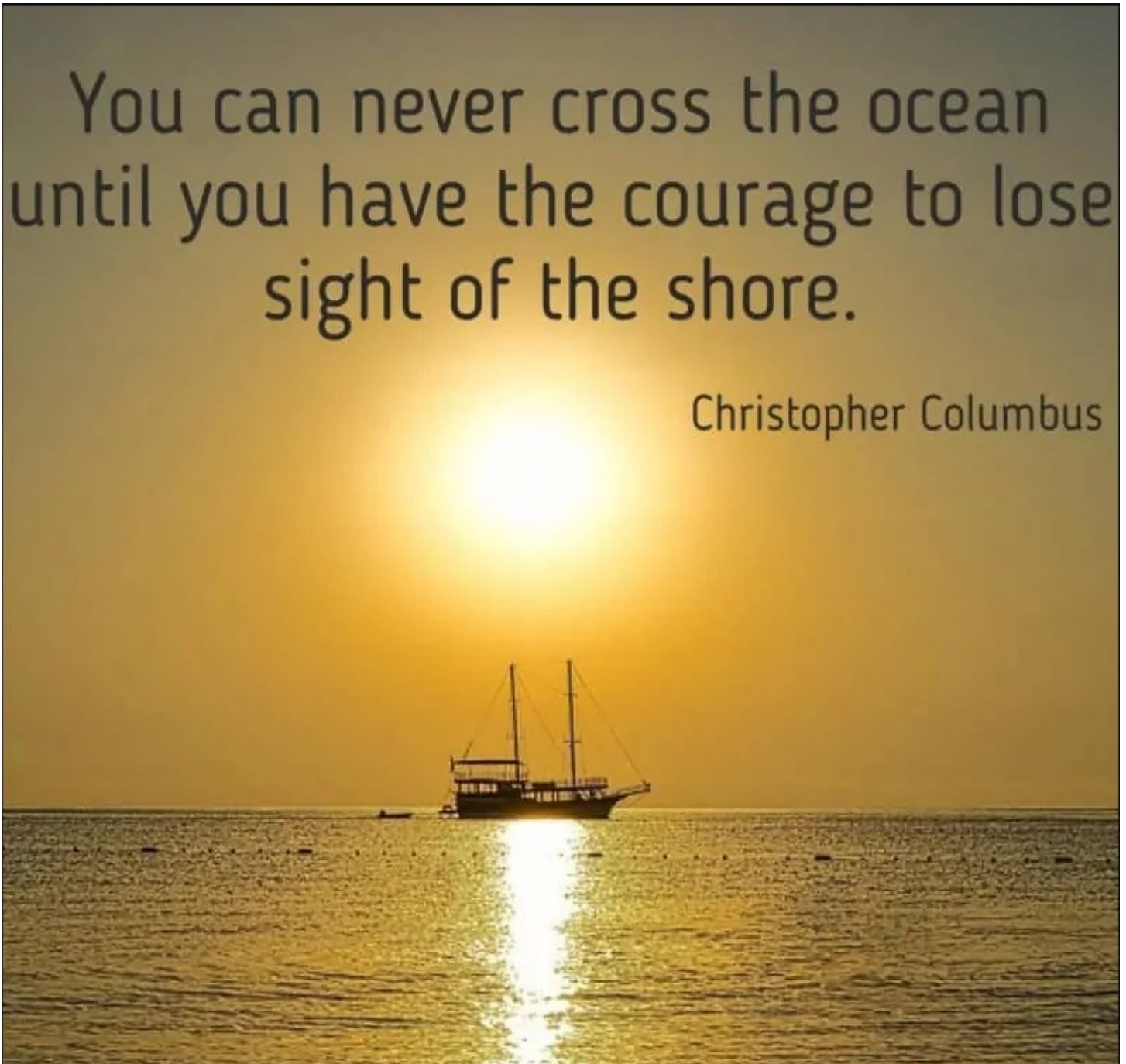


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You can never cross the ocean
until you have the courage to lose
sight of the shore.

Christopher Columbus



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Message from the President

Greetings to my GFWC sisters in GFWC/Iowa:

Even though the weather is still warm, fall is in the air. Have you noticed the earlier sunsets? Have you experienced the cooler mornings? Have you noticed all the eager students heading back to be today's learners and tomorrow's leaders?

Fall is a time for change in the air. Change is in the air for GFWC/Iowa as well. You have spoken and we have listened. Your executive board and by-laws committee have been hard at work to make changes that will make GFWC/Iowa leadership tasks and service easier and more efficient. We are also working on making your district conventions more informative. You will be hearing about and receiving copies of the proposed By-Law amendments that will come before the registered delegates at our GFWC/Iowa State Convention in April 2024. We want you to

know about them now, read them over and discuss them so that registered delegates can make an informed vote in April.

Speaking of April, the 2024 annual convention is shaping up to be a "humdinger!" We have the privilege of hosting our GFWC International President, Debra Strahanoski. We have an informative and moving speaker on a family's navigation of mental health challenges, and we have entertainment by a local band started by one of our very own members. We are working on an evening of friendship and local information the night before the convention begins, and more.

Mark your calendars to attend the 2024 GFWC/Iowa State Convention on April 11-13, 2024, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville, Iowa.

Hold your head high and keep your feet dry,

Nancy Tabor



... from the President (cont'd.)

Calling all LEADS Candidates!

Want to learn more about GFWC? Want to learn tips and techniques for personal growth? Want to acquire resources and materials to assist you with various leadership skills for your club, your work or life? Want to have fun learning and meeting new friends nationwide? Then we have the program for you.

GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar (LEADS) is the place for you. This one-day seminar is held each year the full day prior to the annual GFWC International Convention. It is an amazing day that you will never forget. Attendees

are encouraged (but NOT required) to attend the full convention after that day. Each state is allowed to send one club member to this fabulous program.

GFWC/Iowa provides our chosen attendee a \$400 stipend. GFWC International provides a \$325 stipend plus lunch during the training.

2024 is a great chance to attend, as the seminar will be held in downtown Chicago. The seminar rotates around the country, so having the seminar close is a great opportunity for a lucky Iowa clubwoman. Many of your GFWC/Iowa club members will be attending the

convention, and you can share driving or room expenses.

Do not miss out on this fabulous opportunity. Apply now. Forms will be available at district conventions or from me. Just email me (uwjds@hotmail.com) that you are interested, and I will send you the form. The deadline to apply is February 1, 2024, and the lucky club member chosen to attend will be announced at the April 2024 convention.



GFWC/Iowa Standing Committee Chairman

A Chance to Attend State Convention Free!

Betty Wade, Budget and Finance Chair

Have You Ever Attended a GFWC/Iowa State Convention???

Now is your chance!!!!!! Our State Convention is April 11 and 12, 2024, in Coralville at the Radisson Hotel. Our International President, Deb Strahanoski will be there. We have a Wednesday evening event planned for those of you that would like to come early. BUT, you can attend all of these great happenings absolutely FREE! Winning this prize will cover your hotel, registration and meals. ALL you have to do is attend your district conventions and drop your name in the box. All of these entries will be put together; and at our February GFWC/Iowa Board Meeting, a name will be drawn for the winner.



It Could Be You!!!



Reminder/Greetings

Membership Dues —

Please submit as soon as possible!

It is time again for clubs to send their annual membership dues to GFWC/Iowa Headquarters. Instructions were sent out by either email or regular mail to all club treasurers mid-August.

The deadline for submitting membership dues is October 1, and the dues remain \$32.00 per member. This covers your dues to both GFWC (\$15.00) and GFWC/Iowa (\$17.00).

Please remember to send an alphabetical, numbered list of members along with your dues check for updating our records. If you include email addresses, these will be added to our emailing address list. Occasionally,



we send information by email that you would not receive through regular mail.

Also, please keep us informed of any officer changes in your clubs.

Thank you!

*GFWC/Iowa
Headquarters*

Greetings from the SW District

Summer is winding down and fall is almost here. We had our SW District Planning Meeting at the Pizza Ranch in Creston on August 18th. State officers attending were Bonita Baughman, 1st Vice-President; Meredith McHone- Pierce, State Treasurer; and Sue Hass, Membership Chairman. District officers attending were Cindy Hansen, SW District Director, and Peg Anderson, SW District Secretary.

Sue Hass gave a great update presentation on “Go GFWC Team”—the incentive program for growing our clubs’ membership and maintaining our teams.

Our SW District Convention is on Friday, October 20, in

Creston. I want to thank our host clubs and everyone who volunteered to help with the convention.

If any of your club members have passed away this year, please send any eulogy information about them to Leslie Nielsen by October 13th for the memorial service. Her address is 312 Oak Road, Avoca, 51521. Her email is lnielsen79@gmail.com.

Be sure to send your club yearbooks to Rose Dory, our SW District Vice- Director, by October 1st. Her address is 2203 Sycamore Street, Granger, Iowa 50109. You can also send your books by email to Rose Dory at rbdory@yahoo.com.

On a following page of this newsletter, you will find the Call to SW District Convention 2023.

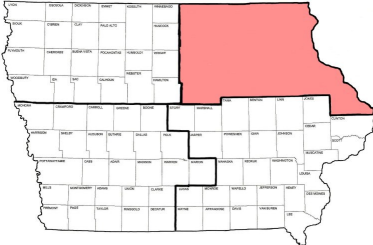
Looking forward to seeing everyone at our convention!



Cindy Hansen, SW District Director

GFWC/Iowa District Conventions

GFWC/Iowa NE District Convention



WHEN: Saturday, October 7, 2023
WHERE: First United Methodist Church
1019 Wesley Dr., Maquoketa, Iowa

SPEAKERS: Panel discussion on Mental Health Awareness and Brain Health Initiative, Lynn Bopes, Tara Notz and Jason Rubel

TIME: 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Coffee
9:00 a.m. Meeting Convenes

COST: \$15.00 (includes lunch)

REGISTER: Donna Flint, 107 Gay St., Delhi, IA 52223
Please make all checks payable to *Treasurer, NE District*
No refunds, but you may make substitutions of attendees

RESERVATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

DISTRICT DUES: Dues are \$1.00 per member and should be paid BEFORE the convention. Voting privileges and representation will be based on membership being paid. Voting credentials will be at the registration desk. Please make checks payable to *Treasurer, NE District* and send to: Donna Flint, 107 Gay St., Delhi, IA 52223.

MEMORIALS: Please send the names of any deceased members since the last convention in 2022 and a short biography to: Cheryl Einsweiler, 405 Beverly Rd., Hudson, IA 50643.

CLUB YEARBOOKS: Due **September 15, 2023**. Please send a copy of your program yearbook to: Lisa Gottschalk, 15799-150th St., Maquoketa, IA 52060.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM CHAIRS: There will be tables available for display material and handouts to members. You will also have an opportunity to speak about your service area.

ITEMS TO BRING: This year we will collect items for Foundation2 Crisis Services located in Cedar Rapids, an organization committed to positive youth development, suicide prevention and safer communities. Our donations will help young people transitioning from foster care to independent living and homeless individuals in an “emergency” situation who suffer from mental illness. Items needed are: blankets, toothbrushes/paste, sanitary body wipes (wet wipes, not bacterial), first aid kits, water bottles, feminine hygiene products, beef jerky, zip lock bags, flashlights, socks, can openers, cooking pans, soap, washcloths, food or gas gift cards, granola bars, quarters (to do laundry), laundry soap. Please consider bringing some of these to convention.

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Registration for GFWC/Iowa NE District Convention

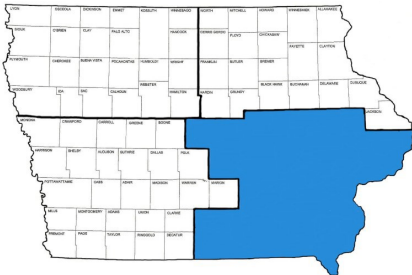
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Club Name: _____

Please return by **September 25** to Donna Flint, 107 Gay St., Delhi, IA 52333, 563-922-2909. Please advise of any dietary restrictions.

GFWC/Iowa District Conventions

GFWC/Iowa SE District Convention



WHEN: Saturday, October 14, 2023

WHERE: The Social Club at the Literary Hotel
130 Dubuque St.
Solon, Iowa

TIME: 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Registration
9:15 a.m. Call to Order
12:00 p.m. Lunch

HOST: GFWC/Iowa Solon Women’s Club and Quad Cities Woman’s Club

PROGRAM: Tour and learn about the Literary Hotel. A local developer, Al Wells, purchased an unoccupied and run down St. Mary’s Auditorium building and turned it into hotel rooms, apartments, two boutiques and a meeting space. He has managed to preserve some of the “bones” of the original building, giving it a Chicago loft feel. It truly is a one-of-a-kind hotel and a fine addition for the Solon community.

Enjoy country store bargains, a basket auction and even shopping at the nearby boutiques. Our community is a restaurant destination, having multiple great restaurants. We also have a furniture store, coffee shops and many other up and coming businesses. Bring a friend and spend the day!

Please send the completed registration form below to Carma Bisinger **by October 9**. The registration fee is \$2.00 and meal cost is \$10.00, for a total of \$12.00.

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Registration for SE District Convention

Name: _____

Address: _____

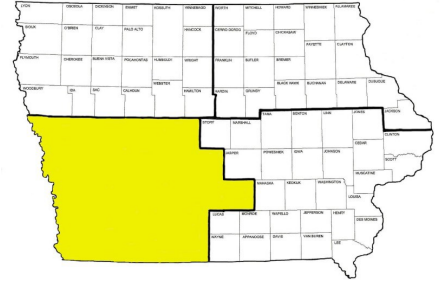
Voting Delegate: _____ Yes _____ No

Please remit registration and \$12.00 fee to: Carma Bisinger, PO Box 111, Walker, IA 52352

Fee Enclosed: _____

GFWC/Iowa District Conventions

GFWC/Iowa SW District Convention



WHEN: Friday, October 20, 2023

WHERE: Salem Lutheran Church
602 W. Townline St., Creston, Iowa

TIME: **9:00 a.m.** Registration, Coffee, Basket Bids
9:45 a.m. Introductions, Remarks, Committee Reports
11:45 a.m. Lunch, Basket Bids, Visit Displays
12:45 p.m. Program, Business Meeting, Memorial Service
2:45 p.m. Adjourn

HOST: GFWC/Iowa Progressive Chautauqua Circle and Bancroft History Assembly
Clubs of Creston

PROGRAM: Connie Maxon and Annette Rice on “The Civil Rights Freedom Trail”

COST: **\$12.00** (\$10.00 Lunch, \$2.00 Registration)
Payable to **“Treasurer, GFWC/Iowa SW District”**
Send by **October 13** to: Penny Beaman
1895 Riverview Road
Brayton, IA 50042

ITEMS TO REMEMBER:

- **BASKET RAFFLE** — Each club to bring a basket (individuals may also bring one). *Baskets: Values from \$20 to \$40. Please include a list of items and, if possible, wrap in cellophane.*
- **MEMORIAL SERVICE** — Please send information on any club members deceased this past year to Leslie Nielsen, 312 Oak Rd., Avoca, Iowa 51521 (ljnielsen79@gmail.com) by **October 13**.

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM

DEADLINE: Oct. 13th, 2023 – \$12.00 per person – Mail To Penny Beaman (address above)

CLUB: _____

Please list the name of attendee(s) and any state/district office currently held.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

GFWC/Iowa District Conventions

GFWC/Iowa NW District Convention

Official Call to Convention



WHEN: Saturday, October 21, 2023
10:00 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
10:30 a.m. Call to Order

WHERE: Storm Lake Pizza Ranch
517 W. Milwaukee Ave.
Storm Lake, Iowa

HOST CLUB: Federated Women's Club, Lehigh

REGISTRATION & LUNCH:

Registration \$2.00

Lunch \$13.00, Senior Meal (65 years and older)
\$17.00, Regular Meal (Under 65)

Checks: Payable to GFWC/NW District

Send registrations by October 7 to:

*Nan Cord
220—29th St.
Sioux City, IA 51104*

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Convention Highlights

Presentations by State Officers

Membership Theme for 2022-2024 (Update)
(presentation by State Membership Chair Sue Hass)

Program: To be determined

Installation of officers for 2024-2025

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